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5 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) Safety Award

1. I fully support the SMA's initiative to recognize those individuals and organizations that exemplify the Army's established goals in reducing accidents by enforcing standards.
2. We are looking forward to receiving your nominations for those activities occurring everyday throughout TRADOC. You may rest assure that each nomination will be given immediate attention by the TRADOC Safety Office and me.
3. I look forward to hearing from each of you about those "Pockets of Excellence."

  
ANTHONY J. WILLIAMS  
Command Sergeant Major, USA

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26 February 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR Command Sergeants Major

SUBJECT: Sergeant Major of the Army Safety Award

1. This memorandum announces the Sergeant Major of the Army Safety Award. Criteria for submission of requests for this award are outlined below. This award is intended to support and bolster Army safety. It is not part of the formal accident prevention awards program (AR 672-74), nor is it intended to compete with or replace any of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Director of the Army Safety Center, MACOM, or unit level awards or programs.
2. My intent is to present this as an impact award to recognize "Pockets of Excellence" or "Best Practices" where I find them and to make the award in person whenever practical. Nominations from the field will go through the MACOM CSM prior to receipt by this office. Requests should show justification for me to schedule a visit to present the award or alternatively, MACOM CSMs may use my scheduled visits as a target of opportunity to present an award. Submit nominations on a simple memorandum, signed by unit commander via e-mail, through the CSM channels to the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army.
3. Example scenarios where I would present an award are as follows:
  - a. During my visit to 2<sup>nd</sup> ID in Korea, I am so impressed with the driver's training program instituted by the division, which has resulted in an accident rate that is five times less than the rest of the Army, that I present the award to the MSG who has run the program for the last 10 months.
  - b. The Division CSM for the 101<sup>st</sup> ABN finds out that one of his battalions has instituted a program where the Battalion Commander and CSM have enlisted the help of the Family Readiness Group to increase seat belt use, reduce speeding by soldiers, and prevent DUIs. As a result, the battalion has not had a DUI or POV fatality for 16 months. The Division CSM gets word to me of this "Best Practice", and I present the award during my visit to Fort Campbell.
  - c. As a part of a scheduled visit to Fort Rucker, the Fort Rucker installation CSM meets with his unit CSMs to determine if there are any potential nominees for the SMA Safety Award. A unit CSM nominates a soldier in the transportation motor pool who has driven 177,000 accident-free miles over the past 24 months. The installation CSM forwards the nomination and I present the award during my visit.

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4. As seen in the examples, the criteria for this award will be subjective in nature. I strongly encourage all leaders to continue to seek out "Pockets of Excellence" in safety and utilize the existing programs to reward success as well. In unusual circumstances, where my award is justified, but conditions do not permit me to present the award in person, the MACOM CSM will be authorized to present the award on my behalf.

5. Only through our continued aggressive actions as leaders, will we reduce the incidence of accidents and negligence. I look to all leaders to incorporate the needed stewardship in this critical area of our Army. Hooah!

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//  
KENNETH O. PRESTON  
Sergeant Major of the Army